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Rep. Mark Spreitzer, Democrats Continue Call for Nonpartisan Redistricting Process

MADISON – Today, State Representative Mark Spreitzer (D – Beloit) and Democratic members of the Wisconsin State Assembly and State Senate continued their push for nonpartisan redistricting reform in Wisconsin.

“Since my first session in the Assembly, I have been pushing for an end to gerrymandering in our state. Since the Supreme Court of the United States willfully refused to do their duty and ensure equal protection under the law, now it is up to legislators to make sure that the will of the people cannot be thwarted by a rigged electoral system.”

This session, Representative Robyn Vining (D-Wauwatosa) and Senator Dave Hansen (D-Green Bay) co-authored AB 303/SB 288 which would direct the Legislative Reference Bureau to draw redistricting plans based upon standards specified in the bill and establishes a Redistricting Advisory Commission. In addition to co-sponsoring the 2019 bill, Rep. Spreitzer was the lead author of a similar bill in 2015 which would have removed redistricting authority from politicians, but legislative Republicans refused to hold a single hearing on the bill and did not allow it to come to the floor of the State Assembly for debate.

“Whether it’s at the ballot box, in polling responses, or through local resolutions, the public has demanded nonpartisan redistricting clearly and loudly. There is no confusion here, only a blatantly rigged system that allows a majority elected by a minority of the public to maintain a stranglehold on our legislature. Gerrymandering is a scourge on our state. It must end.”

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